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SUBJECT: SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

DOTA NO. 014-NMI

1. BEGIN TEXT--THE 24TH OF MARCH IS A DATE WHICH WILL LONG
BE REMEMBERED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. IT MARKS THE DAY THAT
THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH COVENANT WAS, IN 1976,
FORMALLY AND FINALLY APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMER-
ICA. TODAY MARKS THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THAT HISTORIC
OCCASION. ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTER-
IOR AND ESPECIALLY THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS, I
WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TO YOU OUR VERY BEST WISHES. OVER THE
PAST YEAR YOU HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES IN SELF-GOVERNMENT
INCLUDING DRAFTING AND APPROVING YOUR OWN CONSTITUTION. THE
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY
WITH YOU AND YOUR LEADERS IN BRINGING ABOUT FULL SELF-GOVER-
NMENT IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES FOR THE
FIRST TIME IN YOUR HISTORY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN
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WE WILL ALL BE FELLOW CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT NATION. OUR

VERY BEST WISHES ON THIS MOST SPECIAL DAY. CECIL D.
ANDRUS SENDS.
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